



## Stopping Spam Calls

**Have you ever tried to focus on God but couldn't? When we want to hear God, we try to pray but it just seems like things get in the way. We will learn today how to remove those distractions in today's sermon called: Stopping Spam Calls!**

Series Memory Verse: For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. Job 33:14

**To Stop Spam calls...**

**Set Your Phone on \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. Luke 5:16

**Large crowds were coming, miracles happening but Jesus felt spending time alone with God was more important.**

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. Mathew 6:6

**A prayer closet simply means removing distractions. Putting your phone on DND. Get Alone with God!**

When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Matthew 6:7

### **Jesus gives a Prayer Pattern – See My Next Steps Book for info**

You neglected the Rock who had fathered you; you forgot the God who had given you birth. Deuteronomy 32:18

**We neglect God to pursue the blessings of this life.**

## **BUSY – Being Under Satan's Yoke**

*I neglect God and His angels for the noise of a fly. -*

*John Donne, English Poet*

### **To Stop Spam: \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights He fasted and became very hungry. Matthew 4:1-2

### **Jesus was trying to get alone, the devil spams Him!**

During that time the devil came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

Matthew 4:3

### **The devil tempted, Jesus blocks him with the Word.**

Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.'"

Matthew 4:10

### **Jesus blocked the devil's calls!**

### **Put Your Phone on \_\_\_\_\_**

Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, "Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will soon send rain!" 1 Kings 18:1

### **The word of the Lord came but nothing changed immediately.**

Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground **and prayed** with his face between his knees.

1 Kings 18:42b

### **He went to place of his last victory and prayed!**

Then he said to his servant, "Go and look out toward the sea." The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, "I didn't see anything." 1 Kings 18:43

**7X Elijah told him to go look, Focus. I see a small cloud.**

**God's voice will be challenged. Jezebel said "I'm gonna kill you!"**

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. 1 Kings 19:3

**Beersheba means 7 wells. Abraham made covenant there.**

Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind.

1 Kings 19:11

**We have to expect God to speak but not expect a big voice.**

After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there **was the sound of a gentle whisper**. 1 Kings 19:12

**Elijah had to focus to hear God in a whisper.**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Philippians 4:6

**Worry is spam. Whose call are you answering?**

## Does the \_\_\_\_\_ say Spam?

The gatekeeper opens the gate for Him, and **the sheep recognize His voice and come to Him**. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3

**God wants all of us to be part of His family.**

**Devil's Voice:** Accuser, (Revelation 12:10) or Pride (Genesis 3:5)

**Our Voice** – Self-Condemning (Luke 22:62) or Lust (Genesis 3:6)

**God's voice** – Love, Forgiveness, Hope (John 8:11)

After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice." John 10:4-5

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10

**If the voice steals or destroy's it's spam!**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices His life for the sheep." John 10:11

### My Next Steps THIS WEEK:

- ☐ **Give God Your First 15 mins Daily in Prayer**
- ☐ **Create a Prayer Closet**

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